

REMARKS

This application was originally filed with Claims 1-10. By Preliminary Amendment, Claims 1-10 were cancelled and Claims 11-22 were added. Claims 11-22 are now pending in the application.

In the Office Action, Claims 11-22 are rejected.

CLAIM OBJECTION

Claim 11 was objected to because of certain informalities.

These informalities have been corrected to enhance consistency of terms used in the claims.

DOUBLE PATENTING

Claims 11-22 were rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-4 of U.S. Patent No. 6,692,851.

USPN '851 is assigned to General Motors Corporation, the assignee of the present application. The present application is a divisional of USPN '851. The assignment of the aforesaid parent case assigns all rights to the present divisional application and to the parent application to General Motors Corporation, the common assignee of both.

Accordingly, a Terminal Disclaimer is being submitted herewith to obviate the obviousness-type double patenting rejection.

It is respectfully submitted that all requirements of the Office Action have been met and early issuance of allowable subject matter is earnestly requested.

CONCLUSION

It is believed that all of the stated grounds of rejection have been properly traversed, accommodated, or rendered moot. Applicant therefore respectfully requests that the Examiner reconsider and withdraw all presently outstanding rejections. It is believed that a full and complete response has been made to the outstanding Office Action, and as such, the present application is in condition for allowance. Thus, prompt and favorable consideration of this amendment is respectfully requested. If the Examiner believes that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at (248) 641-1600.

Respectfully submitted,

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